

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/550,713

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to an Amendment filed on November 17, 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,4,5,7,8,10,11,13,14,16,17,20,21 and 24.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
-Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____



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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jared Barrett on January 18, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

"a release layer, an electrode layer and a ceramic green sheet so that a surface of the multi-layered unit is located on a base substrate" (claim 1, lines 4-5) has been changed to: --a release layer, an electrode layer and a ceramic green sheet, the electrode layer positioned between the release layer and the ceramic green sheet, so that a surface of the ceramic green sheet of the multi-layered unit comes into contact with a surface of an agglutinant layer formed on a base substrate--

"itself" (claim 4, in line 4 and line 5) has been changed to: --the agglutinant layer--.

"the same" (claim 11, line 3) has been changed to: --a same--.

"A method" (in each of claims 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20, 21 and 24, line 1) has been changed to: --The method--.

"claim 2" (in each of claims 4, 5, 8, 11 and 14, line 2) has been changed to: --claim 1--.

Claims 2, 18 and 22 have been canceled.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art references fail to teach or suggest the method for manufacturing the multi-layered ceramic electronic component, includes "on the support sheet forming the multi-layered unit having a release layer, an electrode layer and a ceramic green sheet, the electrode layer positioned between the release layer and the ceramic green sheet, so that a surface of the ceramic green sheet of the multi-layered unit comes into contact with a surface of an agglutinant layer formed on a base substrate which having specific roughness that penetrate the ceramic green sheet at certain depth and laminating them together" as set forth in details in the amended claim 1.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Donghai D. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571)-272-4566. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (9:00-6:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter D. Vo can be reached on (571)-272-4690. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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